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July 1st, 1851.

Vice-President BRIDGES in the Chair.

A letter was read from Thos. E. Yeateman, Esq., addressed to Geo. W. Carpenter, dated St. Louis, June 16, 1851, in reference to a portrait of the late Dr. Gerard Troost, which he was about transmitting to the Academy, as a donation from himself.

Also, a letter from Mr. William Haidinger, dated Vienna, 6th June, 1851, acknowledging the receipt of his notice of election as a Correspondent, and advising of the shipment of a present of books to the Academy from himself and M. Hauer, and also the Year-book, sent by the Royal Imperial Geological Institution of the Austrian Empire.

Dr. Leidy stated that the *Cicada septendecim* was subject to a fungous disease. The posterior part of the abdomen he observed in several instances to be filled with a mass of oval spore-like bodies, embossed upon their surface, but becoming smooth from endosmosis when placed in water.

He also stated he had just received the dead larva of a lamellicorn insect, which was filled with the same fungus which sometimes attacks the mole cricket.

July 8th.

Vice President BRIDGES in the Chair.

Letters were read from the Linnean Society of London, dated Nov. 7, 1850, and from Dr. F. H. Troschel, dated Bonn, 23d Jan., 1851, severally acknowledging the receipt of Nos. of the Proceedings of the Academy.

July 15th.

Vice President BRIDGES in the Chair.

Mr. Vaux presented a paper, entitled "Descriptions of seventeen new species of Crinoidea, from the Subcarboniferous Limestone of Iowa and Illinois; by D. D. Owen, M. D., and B. F. Shumard, M. D., with a plate;" which, being intended for publication in the Journal, was referred to a committee, consisting of Dr. Leidy, Mr. I. Lea, and Dr. Ruschenberger.

A communication was read from the Imperial Society of Naturalists of Moscow, advising of the transmission of recent Nos. of the Bulletin of that Society.

July 29th.

Vice President BRIDGES in the Chair.

The Committee to which was referred the paper of Drs. D. D. Owen and B. F. Shumard, describing new species of Crinoidea from Iowa and Illinois, reported in favor of publication in the Journal.

On motion of Mr. Cassin, the privilege of endorsing tickets of admission to the Museum of the Academy, on Tuesdays and Fridays, and of issuing orders for the same purpose, was conferred on Mrs.